Special Training for Driving

2445. MISS MABEL REBELLO:
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether High Court of Delhi has issued direction to Government that drivers of all commercial vehicles, including outsiders, should be made to undergo special training at the Institute of Drivers Training and Research (IDRR) to make them eligible for driving as reported in the 'Hindustan Times', dated the 11th December, 2002;

(b) if so, what are the other directions issued by the Court;

(c) whether the drivers of other vehicles would also be made to undergo training in such schools; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) The High Court of Delhi has directed Transport Authorities of States/ UTs to incorporate such a condition in the permits being issued by them to the owners of heavy vehicles.

(b) Other directions issued by the Court in the case are:-

(i) The concerned authorities shall prepare a National Drivers Register. The Register should be developed and completed within a period of one year from the date of order, *i.e.,* 9.12.2002.

(ii) All the concerned authorities wherever they may be located to ensure that each and every driving licence shall have a unique identifying mark including finger prints of the licencee. The information shall be fed into the computer installed in a given circle and thereafter transferred and stored in the mother computer.

(c) The Court order does not pertain to drivers of non-commercial vehicles.

(d) Does not arise.